



**FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK™**

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN. Fire Safety Checklist

LOOK for places fire could start

You don't have to be a super sleuth to protect yourself and others from fire. Take a good look around your home for fire dangers and address the problems.

Kitchen

- Anything that can catch fire is kept away from the stovetop.
- Children are kept 3 feet (1 metre) away from the stove and areas where hot food or drink are being prepared.
- Pets are kept off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto burners.
- Food that is simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling is being checked on by someone in the home.

Heaters

- Anything that can burn is kept at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from heating equipment.
- Children are kept 3 feet (1 metre) away from open fires and space heaters.
- Heating equipment and chimneys are cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Portable heaters are turned off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- The fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying around the room.

Electricity

- All electrical work is done by a qualified electrician.
- Only one heat-producing appliance is plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Extension cords are not used.
- Electrical cords are checked to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets.

LISTEN for the sound of the alarm

A working smoke alarm will clue you in that you need to escape. Fire moves fast. You could have only minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

- Make sure everyone in your home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.
- Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- Go to your outside meeting place. Call **9-1-1** or the fire department.
- Never go back inside for people, pets or things.

LEARN two ways out of every room

- Draw a map of each level of the home, showing all doors, windows and two ways out of every room.
- Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside open easily.
- Practice day and nighttime home fire drills. Share your home escape plans with guests.
- If you live in a high-rise or condo, talk to the building manager about the evacuation plans.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke on your way out.
- If you cannot get out, close the doors and cover the vents and cracks around the door with cloth or tape. Call **9-1-1** or the fire department.

